

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-7, drawn to a device for use in performing small-volume chemical reactions, without traverse.

Non-elected claims 8-11 are canceled herewith, but may be made the subject of a divisional application to be filed at any time during the pendency of the present application.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, applicant elects, from Subgroup 1: number of openings: 96

Subgroup 2: first microtitre plate: 96-well plates

Subgroup 3: second microtitre plate: 384-well plates

Subgroup 4: physical characteristics: raised and corresponding depressed areas, such as velts and grooves or pins and holes.

It is believed that claims 1, 4, 6 and 7 are readable on the elected embodiments.

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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